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TAGS: CDES, IS

SUBJ: FATAL SINAI BUS ACCIDENT

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MR. JAMES HORSTMAN, TOUR GUIDE OF INTERNATIONAL DIVERS CLUB OF CHICAGO (TEL 312-726-7066) THAT GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 22 AMCITS WERE INVOLVED IN SERIOUS BUS ACCIDENT MORNING OF OCTOBER 26 ON ROAD BETWEEN DAHAB AND NUIRBA IN ISRAELI OCCUPIED SINAI. GROUP IN ISRAEL ON SCUBA DIVING EXPEDITION AND WAS RETURNING TO ELAT FROM SHARAM-EL-SHIEKH WHEN BUS APPARENTLY LOST BRAKES ON MOUNTAIN PASS AND OVERTURNED.

2. TWO RPT TWO MEMBERS OF GROUP FATALLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT. THEY WERE MRS. RALPH ZERBUL OF NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS AND MRS LIONEL SCHULTZ OF BARRINGTON, ILL. FURTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME AS PASSPORTS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS IN DISARRAY IN WRECKAGE.

3. ALL RPT ALL MEMBERS OF GROUP WITH EXCEPTION OF HORSTMAN SUFFERED SOME INJURIES AND CONFINED TO HOSPITALS IN EILAT (TEL 059-2301) OR BEERSHEBA (TEL 057-77111). MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED TAKEN TO BEERSHEBA. THEY INCLUDE: ROBERT WOLF, DEERFIELD, ILL. (CRITICAL CONDITION), MRS CLARENCE GREENWALT, GARY, IND., MRS JEAN ENGLER, MUNDILEIN, ILL., AND WILHAIM SCHMOLDT, CHICAGO AREA. OTHER THREE ALL IN SERIOUS CONDITION AND FULL EXTENT OF INJURIES NOT YET KNOWN.

4. HORSTMAN INDICATED FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING NEXT-OF-KIN AND COMPLETE ADDRESS IN U.S. MAY POSSIBLY BE OBTAINED FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNATIONAL DIVERS CLUB OF CHICAGO OR FROM HIS WIFE, MRS. JANIS

HORSTMAN (TEL 312-945-6336).

5. REQUEST DEPT ATTEMPT CONTACT NOK OF ZERKEL AND SCHULTZ
AND OBTAIN DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS. ESTIMATED COSTS FOR EM-
BALMING AND RETURN TO U.S. BY AIR \$1700; BY SEA \$1500, LOCAL
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